

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
American Indian Life in Fairfax County

Teacher's outline
Grade 2 and 4

Theme: To have children gain an overview understanding of American Indian Life in Fairfax County for the past 12,000 years.

Program Outline

Time: 1.5 hours for 4th graders 1 hour for second.

SOL'S Addressed: VS 2.2, and Most of the 4th grade curriculum on American Indians.

Students will learn Native American life through hands on stations. Campfire, dress up, a nature walk, dart throwing and games will be the stations. Each activity will stress the way of life for the Native Americans.

Topics to discuss before coming to program:

- 1) Overview of American Indian life in Fairfax County from 10,000 B.C. to A.D. 1607 based on archeological evidence and early English settler reports (i.e. Capt. John Smith)
- 2) How Indians met subsistence needs and what local natural materials they used for tools and other items.
- 3) Male and female clothing and personal decoration.
- 4) Hunting strategies for deer.
- 5) Skills and chores that Indian children would perform around gardens
- 6) Corn as a staple crop and one way it was prepared for cornmeal.